methasone and its salts and when the report of BICP was received by his Ministry based on. which prices have been fixed on 2nd January, 1089?

THE MINISTER OP INDUSTRY. (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) The following are the members of the Committee which heard the company.

(1) Shri M.S. Murthy . Adviser (Chemicals), Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals.

(2) Shri C, Radhakrishnamurthy •.' Jt. Director (Cost), Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices. *si*

(3) Shri R.N. Tandon . Joint Director (C hemicals), Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals

The recommendations of the Commttee have been accepted by the Government and the revised prices were notified on 22nd January, 1989.

(c) The following are the prices fixed under DPCQ, 1979 in respect of Betamethasone bulk drug and the salts;

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_ « Rs/Gm.

I, Betamethasone Alcohol 113.34

2. Betamethasone 17-Valerate 105.85

9. Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate 126.23

The prices fixed on 2nd January, 1989 are as per the recommendation oi the Committee and not the BICP.

Problems of switching equipments

1624. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunication? is facing the problem of switching equipments;

(b) whether, the electronic switching System factory established at Mankapur has achieved the target of five lakh lines per year; : .

(c) what are the reasons for which the second electronic switching system factory could $_{n}$ot b$_{e}$ set up in Bangalor$_{e}$ as decided by Government;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation;

(e) whether it is also a fact that nearly two rural automatic exchanges were becoming faulty once a month because of cards becoming faulty; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve th$_{e}$ working of these rural exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. As per schedule, **the** factory is to reach the target of five lakh lines per year during 1989-90 only.

(c) The second electronic switching factory wa$_{s}$ required for the seventh Five Year Plan of Rs. 13000 crores, but the pla$_{n}$ was approved only for RS. 4010 crores, In order t$_{0}$ meet the requirement of equipment for this plan, th$_{e}$ existing factories were found to be adequate.

(d). The indigenously developed switching system technology i$_{s}$ under field trial. All efforts are being made to productionise the C-DOT technology by the end of 1989-90.

(e) No, Sir. Only a few instances of such failures have been reported.

(f) Action has been taken to stock, sufficient numbey of spare printed circuit boards to meet such situations.

Post offices in Villages

1625. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise number of villages in the country which do not have post offices;

(b) State-wise number of villages having post offices at the end of December,, 1987; and

(c) by when the remaining villages are likely to be provided with post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH! MINISTRY OF COMMUNiCATlOHS (SHRI GIR1DHAR QOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is furnished in the statement (See beloio).

(c) There is no proposal to open a post office in every village. Only suoh villages as fulfill the prescribed norms are considered according to the targets laid down in each Five Year/ Annual Plan. The Seventh Plan (1995—90) envisages opening of Post Office in about 6,000 villages.

Statement

Post Offices in Villages

SL.No State/Union Territory	No. of villages without post offices.	No. of villages having post offices as on 31-12-1987
1. Andhra Pradesh	12718	14,677
2. Assam	18903	3,072
3. Arunachal Pradesh	6026	230
4. Bihar	57157	10,317
5. Gujarat	10505	7,783
6 Goa	223	163
7 Haryana	4598	2,152
8. Himachal Pradesh	14470	2,238
9. Jammu &Kasmir	5180	1,287
10. Karnataka	18834	8,199
11 Kerala		4,086
12 Madhya Pradesh	61828	9,500
13. Mizoram	463	258
14.Maharashtra	29212	10,091
15 Manipur	1501	' 525
16 Meghalaya	4515	387
17 Nagaland		235